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INTERIOR ISSUES CIRCULAR WITH DESIGNS AND DATA FOR 28 DUCK STAMPS

Duck Stamp Data, a circular showing the design of each of the 28 migratory bird-hunting stamps issued thus far, has just been published by the Department of the Interior.

The circular contains philatelic data on each of the stamps, technical information on the preparation and issuance of the stamps, and general information on related waterfowl legislation.

The Migratory Bird Treaty with Great Britain (acting for Canada) was completed in 1916 and was implemented in 1918 by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. It was not until July 1, 1934, that a Federal duck-stamp program became effective. During the 25-year period ending June 30, 1959, a total of 32,592,841 Federal duck stamps was sold. During the next two years 3,361,556 more were sold. Sales for the current year are still in progress.

In the first year, 635,000 stamps were sold. The top year was the twelve-month period ending June 30, 1956, when sales totaled 2,369,940 stamps.

Any person who has attained the age of 16 and who hunts migratory waterfowl must have a current duck stamp.

The circular was prepared by the Office of Information of the Fish and Wildlife Service for the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife. It is listed as Duck Stamp Data, Fish and Wildlife Circular 111. It can be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C., for 30 cents.

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